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SUBJECT: UNEF EXTENSION

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1. WHEN CALLING ON FAHMY THIS AFTERNOON, IS RAISED REFERENCED SUBJECT, INDICATING WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TELL SOVIETS THAT GOE HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A ONE-YEAR UNEF EXTENSION. I ASKED (A) WHETHER THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO GOE, (B) HAD SOVIETS, IRAQIS AND/OR SYRIANS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED, AND (C) IF NOT, WAS THERE AN INTENTION TO DO SO. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS GOE MIGHT HAVE ON HANDLING THE MATTER.
2. FAHMY AFFIRMED SUBJECT HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GROMYKO, IRAQIS OR SYRIANS. NOR DID HE RECALL DISCUSSING IT WITH US. HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION, SUBJECT TO CHECKING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WAS NEGATIVE. HE CONTENTED ANY PROPOSAL TO EXTEND UNEF FOR ONE YEAR IS CERTAIN TO BE SEIZED UPON BY SOVIETS AND RADICAL ARABS AS INDICATIVE OF USG INTENTION TO ALLOW ME SITUATION TO BECOME STATIC. WHETHER JUSTIFIED OR NOT, ANY SUCH SUGGESTION WOULD BE UNHELPFUL TO GOE AND HE THOUGHT TO USG AS WELL. IN HIS VIEW, UNEF MANDATE SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS.

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3. I POINTED OUT CONSIDERABLY MORE POSITIVE INTERPRETATIONS COULD BE DRAWN FROM A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION. IT DID NOT PORTEND ANYONE WISHED FREEZE ME SITUATION. FAHMY AGREED THERE MIGHT BE OTHER INTERPRETATIONS, BUT INSISTED SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD MOST LIKELY INCUR UNHELPFUL CRITICISM FOR GOE AND USE.

4. ABOVE, HE POINTED OUT, REPRESENTED A PRELIMINARY REACTION. HE WILL WANT TO REFLECT ON MATTER A BIT MORE BEFORE GIVING A DEFINITIVE REPLY.
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